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METADATA CO-ORDINATOR

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You'll play a crucial role in the Newspaper Digitisation Project, a pioneering scheme that will allow the academic community to gain online access to two million pages of historic British newspapers for the first time. Based at our dedicated site in Colindale, you'll perform quality assurance checks on XML data extracted from our 19th century newspaper texts. You will also be required to amend and edit the metadata accurately and often to tight deadlines.

This is a challenge that calls for a bright and enthusiastic individual with relevant technical experience. Competent in XML syntax and its application to metadata, you'll have gained experience of working within a resource discovery environment. A degree in a History related subject, and/or a library qualification, would also be a distinct advantage.

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The Library's Sound Archive has a prestigious international reputation for the breadth and quality of its recordings. By joining the innovative Archival Sound Recordings Project, you'll play a vital role in opening these up to a much wider audience. You'll create, validate and edit metadata for the estimated 4,000 hours of digitised audio involved in the project. Using a mixture of standard and bespoke tools, you'll need to perform this function methodically and accurately, often working to tight deadlines.

The successful applicant must have experience of creating metadata using Dublin Core standards, ideally have a good grasp of XML and possess well developed editorial skills. Degree educated, preferably in an IT or web related discipline, you will also need to be able to work well under pressure. Previous experience of working with audio resources would be an advantage, though is not essential.

For an application pack and further details on how to apply, please contact People Media Response on 020 7420 2080 or email bl@peoplemedia.co.uk quoting the relevant reference number and where you saw the advertisement.

Further information is also available from www.bl.uk/about/vacancies.html

Closing date for applications: 18 November 2005.

The Library has a strong competency-based performance management programme which encourages the highest standards of service innovation and professional development.

The British Library is an Equal Opportunities employer. We recognise the benefit of employing a diverse workforce. All applicants are considered on the basis of their merits and suitability for the job and all disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria will be invited for interview.